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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 George E. Cross,

11 Plaintiff,

No. CIV S-05-0258 FCD PAN P

12 vs.

13 M. Wilcox, et al.,

14 Defendants.

ORDER

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16 Plaintiff has requested the appointment of counsel. The United States Supreme
17 Court has ruled that district courts lack authority to require counsel to represent indigent
18 prisoners in § 1983 cases. Mallard v. United States Dist. Court, 490 U.S. 296, 298 (1989). In
19 certain exceptional circumstances, the court may request the voluntary assistance of counsel
20 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). Terrell v. Brewer, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991);
21 Wood v. Housewright, 900 F.2d 1332, 1335-36 (9th Cir. 1990). In the present case, the court
22 does not find the required exceptional circumstances. Plaintiff's request for the appointment of
23 counsel will therefore be denied.

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1 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's request for the
2 appointment of counsel is denied.

3 DATED: February 17, 2006.

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6 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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